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THE COUNTY FAIR

The County Fair at Ithaca, last week from a financial and a horse racing point of view was a grand success. The races were exceptionally good, some of the best horses in the state were entered. Polly Ann, the Grand Rapids mare that took a mark at Grand Rapids, last week of 2:08, drove a heat in the Free for All against the track record of 2:11 which was a wonder, as any horseman knows that the Ithaca track is a slow track, but notwithstanding this fact this wonderful mare drove the mile in 2:09 1-4, the first half mile in 1:02, the full mile caught by many in 2:07 1-2. The stock exhibit consisting of cattle and sheep was small but good. The exhibition of Harry Tabbs Holstein herd, was the big attraction, they were in fine condition and made an excellent show.

On all hands you could hear people criticizing the meeting as a county fair, this we must admit was justifiable in a measure, but who is to blame for it? Every farmer in Gratiot county not only is invited to take stock there but we understand all are invited to attend the meeting of the association at which time officers are elected and all arrangements are made for the coming fair. If you don't like the fair why don't you turn out to this meeting and help arrange matters for another year, if you don't, keep still and stop your kicking. It is a deplorable fact that Gratiot Co. outside of the races is considered one of the poorest fairs in the state. Why should this be? We have the best county in the state and the only reason we don't have a good county fair is the fact that farmers do not take the proper interest. To prove this we call your attention to the fact that the gentlemen in charge of the fair take more interest in races than in agricultural exhibits, and in consequence have the best races of any county in the state. Now, suppose a few good farmers would join with the present management and make both the races and farm exhibits a success. The Record promises its readers to inform them of the date of the annual meeting and requests that a rousing meeting be held and let's put Gratiot County on the map as having the best agricultural fair as well as the best races of any county in the state. It is much easier to find fault than it is to take hold and boost. A county fair properly conducted can be made to pay, if it can't at Ithaca, let's have one at Alma and prove it. Clinton County association last year made \$3500.00 over their expenses.

DRY COUNTY BOOZERS

Attorney-General Fellows ruled Monday that when a person is found intoxicated in a public place in a local option county, he may be subpoenaed and may be required to answer questions before a magistrate as to when where and from whom he obtained the liquor.

Fellows says refusal to supply this information may be construed as contempt of court.

This ruling by the attorney-general's department is regarded as important as it will enable police officers in local option counties to gather information and heretofore has not been obtainable.

Tax Ruling

In another opinion the attorney-general holds that where property is omitted from the assessment rolls by local assessing officers that it may be added by the state commission.

Mother's Pension Law O.K.

The attorney-general has ruled that the amendments made to the mother's pension law by the last legislature have not invalidated that measure. County Clerks Can't Draw Double Pay.

The attorney-general holds that a county clerk is not entitled to compensation for services performed as clerk of the board of county road commissioners.

BECAUSE OF SMALL LOSSES ASSESSMENT RATE IS LOW

Unusually fortunate has the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company of Clinton and Gratiot counties been during the past year. The fire losses during the year amounted to \$26,000. The lightning losses amounted to only \$1,500. The total losses last year were \$53,504.

At a meeting of the directors of the company, at St. Johns, Wednesday afternoon, August 25th, the rate of assessment was fixed at \$2.20 for policy holders in the rodged buildings class and \$2.25 for those in the class of unrodged buildings. The assessment rate last year was \$3.00, no different classes being had at that time. If the assessment is paid before September 15th, 8 per cent discount is given. The directors decided to have all policies re-written. Some of the policies have been running for eighteen years. Agents of the company will call upon all policy holders and ascertain if the risks are satisfactory. There are nearly 22,000 policies in the eight volumes in the company's office but some of these have been cancelled.

The directors of the company are: Frank Hurd, Dewitt; A. J. Burnes,

Watertown; W. B. Casterline, Essex; C. S. Betts, Hamilton, Gratiot county; W. C. Mallory, Seville, Gratiot county; C. E. Stowell, president presided and William C. Sickels is secretary.

MRS. THORNTON'S FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton, mother of Fred Thornton, for a number of years a coal dealer in this city was held in the Methodist church, Friday morning at ten o'clock and the body interred in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Thornton was well known in Alma, having lived here a number of years. At her death she was a little over sixty years of age. She was born in Painted Post, N. Y., and came to Alma at an early age. The cause of her death was old age. It occurred at Lavenport, Iowa, where her son Fred was taking a medical course.

LEAVES FOR A YEAR OF STUDY AND RESEARCH

In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Trustees of Alma College in establishing a "Sabbatical Year," Prof. F. E. West and family are leaving this week for Madison, Wisconsin, where Mr. West will continue with his work in the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. J. T. Ewing was first granted the year's leave but decided not to accept it at this time on account of the unsettled conditions abroad. The year was then granted to Prof. West.

Prof. West has been granted an Honorary Fellowship by the University and will take his work in the Department of Chemistry and Plant Physiology.

During the year Mr. West will visit several of the leading western universities for the purpose of making a study of their methods.

The family goes by automobile to Ludington, then by boat to Milwaukee, and then drives through to Madison.

Ray Woodcock, aged 25 of Alma, was brought to Ithaca, Thursday evening. He has broken his parole—having been given a chance recently to be a man, after being taken for horse stealing Thursday he threatened the lives of his wife and child, and when taken before Judge A. S. Searl, by officer Geo. Brown, was given from two to fifteen years at Ionia, with a recommendation of seven and one half. Sheriff Bradford took him to Ionia, the first of the week.

Harvey Walbridge, an Ithaca boy, has three times been arrested for drunkenness, was taken into custody last week for tipping, and given from 6 months to 2 years at Ionia. This seems to be a case of bad company. The offender has an aged mother, his father having died some few years ago.

The Sheriff's department had a busy week last week at Ithaca. The Gratiot County Fair brought a bunch of rousers and dips from various sections of the country and descriptions of a bunch of pickpockets were sent to Sheriff Bradford from the police department of Owosso and Grand Rapids.

Samuel Lewis aged 24 claiming to be from Cincinnati was detected in the act of endeavoring to fish the "roll" of N. W. Vernon of Ithaca, the latter wrenching himself clear of the detaining hand, but Lewis' henchmen immediately shoved themselves in between the two men, and the offender got out of the fair grounds and was apparently making a getaway along one of the side streets of Ithaca, when officer Lewis, picked him up, near the Presbyterian church. The four others were not apprehended although the department here was prepared to grab them upon the slightest provocation. Vernon identified Lewis, and Saturday evening, Sept. 4th, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. W. Meyers, and regular hearing set for September 14th.

Lewis has a bad record and is an old offender; his sister, giving residence as Cleveland, appeared later in his behalf. It is anticipated that Lewis will receive a stiff penalty.

HOW TO GET TUBERCULOSIS

We cannot dispose of this topic in a minute. All through this series, ways of contracting tuberculosis will be indicated. Just now you are to get a few plain facts about the methods of contagion. To contract tuberculosis at least two things are necessary—and these imply a third. First, there must be the seed of tuberculosis. Second, there must be the soil suitable for the seed to grow and flourish. And these two imply a transplanting of the seed, or infection.

First, the seed. We have already seen what a minute entity the tubercle bacillus is. It has some properties of plant life, resembling the fungus, but it also has characteristics of the animal kingdom. The celebrated Dr. Fliick says: "These micro-organisms grow in us in the same way as wheat, timothy and clover grow in a field." Only they multiply at a most rapid rate—the average consumptive in the advanced stage giving off seven billions (7,000,000,000) of these germs in his sputum in a single day. The ordinary discharge in medium cases is 100,000,000 a day. These are the invisible enemies of man. Fortunately, the healthy nature has its soldiers of defense as well, so that not all of these 7,000,000,000 of germs from a single consumptive live to do any damage. In a city all of us breathe consumptive germs, but "most of them

come to us either killed or injured." These seeds or germs are killed or crippled in several ways. Exposure to the sunlight for three or four hours needs their life. Daylight and pure air will kill them in from 6 to 12 hours. So will five minutes of boiling. But freezing will not kill them, and they will survive a long time in water. The worst enemies of this bacillus are the best friends of life—sunlight, air, cleanliness.

These seeds, of little disease-bearing lines, form whole colonies of danger as the sputum in which they are ejected dries and is blown about in the air. They are in the dust of the street. The dust from the walls and floors of consumptives' rooms has been found to be swarming with them—this, of course in the rooms of consumptives who did not know how dangerous their sputum is and therefore did not destroy it. Ignorance and carelessness have ever been the chief allies of the White Plague. Enlightenment and carefulness will spell its doom. Consumption is going to be banished from the earth just as the other great plagues have been, just as wild wolves have been killed out of America.

These, then, are the seeds of the disease—the first requisite for the disease being handed on. For every person who dies of consumption, three more are infected. That is because the original cause of the three has distributed billions of these germs where they could survive to attack others. That is the ground for the modern health slogan:

'Don't Give Consumption to Others.'
'Don't Let Others Give Consumption to You.'

THE FARMER IS "IT"

We have heard a number of eulogies on the farmer. But in most of these cases we always imagined that the farmer after reading them usually grabbed for his pocketbook to see if it was safe. The following excerpt from Colliers Weekly seems to be the most timely, as well as best expressed appreciation of the farmer and his work that has appeared in public print in years.

"The government crop report came out as usual last month with its myriad ranks of figures, hundreds and thousands of millions of bushels, and the statisticians are now busy sticking in the dollar marks, as their taste and fancy dictates. The harvest is to be better than ever and the economic foundations of our country are solid. While Wall Street has been spinning its black and red wheel of war stocks and the politicians have been peering up and down the land that prosperity depends upon them and the lack of it on the other fellow, the plain men of the United States have gone out to the fields and plowed prosperity into existence. It takes hard work, but it's the only way. The basis for the business of next year has been established on the bench lands of Montana, in the bottoms of Missouri and Illinois, and the tree-studded slopes of the older states and the irrigated flats of the new West. The predicted results are overwhellingly impressive in bushels and tons and bales, but greater yet is the widespread intelligence, the faithfulness, and earnest work that made the results come. As science gets further hold among us these same qualities will reap even greater triumphs. Our cities have their place and pride, they do most of the advertising and make nearly all the noise, but when the crop returns come in we know on what the living strength of our country securely rests. The farmer is IT in the United States, and the rest of us might as well acknowledge the fact. He is in league with the everlasting procession of the seasons, and his allies are the powers of the earth and the unchanging needs of men. His daily work relies on the eternal promise of four thousand years ago: "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest and cold and heat, and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease." This year has seen it fulfilled once more."

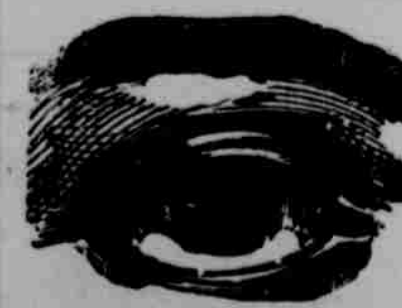
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Church Notes

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, pastor.
Sunday, September 12th, 1915.
Preaching Service—10:00 a.m. Sermon by Miss Avery.
Sabbath School—11:30 a.m.
Junior League—3:00 p.m.
No Epworth League. Epworth League will have charge of the preaching service at 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Morning Prayer and Sermon—10:00 a.m.
Sunday School—11:30 a.m.
Vesper Service—5:00 p.m.
J. Frank Jackson, Rector.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

William H. Mason, Pastor.
Sunday Sept. 12th, 1915.
Public Worship—10:00 a.m., Subject: "Without Love—Nothing."
Sabbath School—11:30 a.m.
East End Sabbath School—2:45 p.m.
Y.P.S.C.E.—6:30 p.m., Miss Lura Miller, Leader.

Stereopticon Lecture, "The True Revelation of God."—7:30 p.m.
East End Prayer Meeting—Tuesday Sept. 14th, 7:30 p.m.
Church Prayer Meeting—Thursday Sept. 16th, 7:30 p.m., Subject: "Jesus and The Will of God." 8:30 p.m. session meeting.

BAPTIST CHURCH

J. W. Priest, pastor, residence 802 Gratiot.
Sunday morning service—10:00 a.m.
Sermon: "Ye Are My Witnesses."
Sunday School—11:30 a.m.
B. Y. P. U. meeting—6:30 p.m., Topic: "Friendships that are worth forming: Making them and keeping them. Leader: Vinnie Boyd."
Evening service—7:30 p.m. Sermon: "A Wise Choice."
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting. All are cordially invited.

DON'T EXPERIMENT

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Advice

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are frequently symptoms of kidney trouble, and a remedy which is recommended for the kidneys should be taken in time.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

To The Stockholders of the Alma Building and Loan Association:—Sirs:

You will take notice that in pursuance of the application in writing of seven stockholders of said Association, that there will be convened and held a meeting of the stockholders thereof at the office of the Company in the store building of Clapp & Fraker in the city of Alma, Michigan, on Tuesday the 28th day of September, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m. of said day.

The object and purpose of such meeting of stockholders is to act upon a resolution which will then and there be offered for adoption or rejection which will then and there be offered for adoption or rejection to the effect that said Association proceed to liquidate and dissolve such corporation as permitted and provided by Section 26 of Act No. 50 of the Public Acts of Michigan for year 1887 and the amendments thereto.

Each share of stock issued and outstanding is entitled to one vote. All stock should be represented either in person or by proxy. A full discussion and explanation of the situation to all stockholders is earnestly desired.

Respectfully,
P. M. Smith.

Secretary of Association

Dated—Alma, Mich.
Sept. 8, 1915.

CHANGE IN R. F. D. SYSTEM

On the fifteenth of September Postmaster V. P. Cash will send out requests to all the rural patrons served by the Alma office, asking them to label their mail boxes with name, city and state addresses, number of route and number of box. This will greatly facilitate the work of the department especially if a new man or substitute is carrying the mail for the regular carrier.

Automobilists are constantly complaining that mail boxes never have on them the name of the owner or occupant of the place. They have been washed off or obscured by dirt.

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LITTLE ROCK COAL COMPANY DOING FINE BUSINESS

The Little Rock Coal Company, which was recently organized by enterprising Alma business men is progressing finely and has already received several large orders and is doing a lively business. The office building on the corner of Park and Mechanic streets has been erected and two twenty foot sheds are in the process of construction now.

The company is fortunate in having as its manager George Blech who knows the coal business from Alpha to Omaga and has all the requisites for a successful coal dealer.

A FINE YEAR'S WORK

Rev. Brownlow carried to the annual conference of the Methodist church, at which five hundred ministers were in attendance the report of a splendid year's work done by the local Methodist church, during the past year. An actual increase of two hundred fifty five new members during the past twelve months brought the total membership of the church up to five hundred fifty two.

During the past year there have been eighty four baptisms and five hundred twenty three on the membership list of the Sabbath school with an average weekly attendance during the past twenty weeks of two hundred ninety one. The Epworth League has a membership of sixty five, with forty two of these in the Morning watch who pledge themselves to devote fifteen minutes each day to reading the Bible and prayer. There have been thirty in the Time Legion. Miss Avery, the Deaconess of the church has made over two thousand visits. The Ladies' Aid has raised \$290.02. The church has raised for benevolences \$592.92.

This is certainly a fine showing, and is added proof if such were necessary, that there is a lot of practical Christian work being done daily in our community.

WEATHER SUMMARY

For August 1915.
Temperature
Mean Maximum75
Mean Minimum54
Mean64.5
Maximum87 on 15th
Minimum35 on 27th
Precipitation
Greatest in 24 hours......67 on 3rd.
No. of days on which .01 or more precipitation fell9
No. of clear days12
No. of partly cloudy10
No. of cloudy9
Thunder storms3-13-16
Total snow fall.....
P. M. Smith, Local Observer.

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